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## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Friday, October 2, 2009 9:00 A.M.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

## **REPORT**

Members Present: Edward Haik, Chairperson; Allan O'Shea; and Carl Rutske

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Thomas Kaminski, County Controller/Administrator; Dale Kowalkowski,

Sheriff; Captain Robert Lancaster, Jail Administrator; Lt. Kenneth Falk, Emergency Management Coordinator; Marilyn Kliber, County Clerk; Ken Grabowski, Manistee News Advocate; and Rachel Nelson,

Administrative Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

## ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

The Sheriff noted that he, Captain Lancaster, Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Krolczyk attended a three day conference on jail operations put on by the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections. Mr. Kaminski added that he learned a lot about the daily operations at the Sheriff's Office and Jail, and that he realizes they are understaffed at the Jail. Sheriff Kowalkowski stated that a study session on jail issues in relation to the Jail Study performed by Landmark Design Group would be helpful. **The Committee recommends that a Board Study Session be scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at the Jail.** 

## ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Sheriff Kowalkowski reported that there were 101 applicants for the new Deputy position. Some of the applicants have completed testing, and of those, some have been chosen for interviews. The new Deputy should begin around November 1, 2009.

Sheriff Kowalkowski informed the Committee that Bear Lake Township, Dickson Township, and Onekama Township might adopt the ORV Ordinance. He also noted that Filer Township has done a lot of strategic planning, which has been great for the Township and community, but it does put a stress on emergency services.

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Lt. Falk informed the Committee that H1N1 vaccinations will be available for first responders at the end of the month. He also updated the Committee on Region 7 grant purchases.

Mr. Kaminski asked the Committee for direction with the Courthouse Security project since the report has been received from Landmark Design Group. The Committee stated that he should obtain quotes for barriers (bullet-proof and non-bullet-proof) in the Clerk's and Treasurer's offices and a buzzer system in the Juvenile Division. There are funds in the Capital Improvement Fund that could be used for this purpose.

The new generator at the Jail was used for the first time recently when the power went out. It worked very well. It was noted that \$33,000 is still owed to SimplexGrinnell for the jail security system upgrade, however, the project is not complete, and the final payment will not be made until it is. Mr. Kaminski has attempted to contact SimplexGrinnell, but they have not called back. It was stated that perhaps a letter should be sent to SimplexGrinnell regarding this issue.

The	meeting	adjourned	at	10:05	A.M.	

Edward Haik, Chairperson
Allan O'Shea, Commissioner
Carl Rutske, Commissioner